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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 4, 2003 and having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on November 4, 2003. Applicant submits the following responsive amendment in the above-identified application. Applicant believes this amendment places the application in better condition for allowance. Applicant's remarks are attached hereto and start on page 2.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace the claims with the attached amended claims.